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## **World Class Paintball Plex Grand Opening in LaOtto, Indiana** **Features indoor paintball arenas - retail store - and online business**

**LaOtto, Indiana (July 24, 2008)** ----- TradeMyGun.com, a local online business, has announced plans to purchase and move into the former Motoplex building in LaOtto, Indiana. Not only will the new facility allow this .com company the opportunity to expand the office and retail store, but it will also be home to a world class tournament and recreational arena.

The soft opening was July 5, with a Grand Opening scheduled for Saturday, July 26, 2008. Both arena fields will be open to the public and the new retail store will feature an extensive display of paintball accessories.

“The 30,000 square foot indoor turf paintball fields will be available to tournament and recreational players. An area will also be provided for spectators. The facility will be non-smoking and may be reserved for private parties, corporate events, church groups, wedding parties, and fund raising events,” according to Mike Schlemmer.

Paintball Plex expects to have 6 full-time employees and another 20 part-time employees working in two different shifts. Additional part-time may be needed during holidays—especially Christmas.

In addition to the indoor field, an outdoor field is planned for the summer of 2009. The overall investment in this project exceeds \$1,000,000. The facility is located at the east edge of LaOtto on the south side of State Road 205, just west of the intersection of State Road 3 and State Road 205.

David Nugent of BND Commercial Real Estate represented the property owner, Farmers & Merchants Bank in the transaction.

“We are happy to have a successful business grow into this facility. The paintball sport is an added attraction for DeKalb County and the region. It is very accessible and offers a year-round activity for youth and adults,” commented Galen Eberhart, Director of DeKalb County Partnership.

### **About TradeMyGun.com**

The company was originally founded as TMS Wholesale, Inc. in 2000 with 15 product lines and has grown into two website businesses, a storefront with new and used equipment, and two indoor paintball fields for tournament and recreational players. More information is available at [www.TradeMyGun.com](http://www.TradeMyGun.com)

### **About DCEDP**

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